

Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes June 16, 2011

Members Present: Ernest Bland, Carmen Camacho, Tiffany G. Golden, Don Hague, Jon Lourie, Julie Statland

Members Absent: Yuri Van Mierlo, Kay Weston, Jessica Evans, Melvin Tull

Call to Order and Introductions: Julie Statland, Vice Chair called meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. members and attendees introduced themselves.

Vice Chair Report: She testified on the Urban Noise Bill 1611.

Motion: (C. Camacho, Seconded, T. Graham Golden) the minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion: (C. Camacho, Seconded J.Statland,) a letter should be written in support of the Bus Rapid Transit project, unanimously agreed.

Motion: (C. Camacho, Seconded, T. Graham Golden) Julie Statland should be Chair of the SSUDAC, unanimously approved.

Motion: (J. Lourie, Seconded, C. Camacho) It was suggested that a letter be written on behalf of Ms. Lockerman to the County Executive recognizing the contributions she has made to the SSUDAC and SSRC, unanimously agreed.

Police Report:

It was reported that crime is down overall in the area. Ten officers will be assigned to the downtown Silver Spring area. They should start around July 15th or August 1, 2011.

The Police are proposing that the open area of the Veterans Plaza be closed at 10:00pm on weeknights and 11:00pm or 12:00 pm on weekends to pedestrian foot traffic. They want to control some of the crime in the area that they feel is taking place because of unsupervised teenagers in the area late at night. They want to use temporary barriers. Peterson & Company is thinking of opening back up the 900 block of Ellsworth to traffic around 9:00pm or 10:00pm.

Bus Rapid Transit:

Marc Elrich gave a report and presentation on the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system that will reduce green house gases and congested streets and highways. The County Executive has appointed a task force to see if this should be done.

This system will consist of rail like buses on a guided system and will have rail light stations. They may run Double Decker buses or light rail buses that provide premium high speed service. This system, if approved will come to the Silver Spring area in the year 2029.

Ms. Vicky Lockerman will be leaving the Regional Center and she was presented with a plaque for her years of service to the Silver Spring Regional Center and Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm.